

AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT

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For the Office's convenience, the substitute Abstract has been incorporated into the substitute specification (submitted herewith) as new page 42.

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to alkaline proteases having high specific activity and strong oxidant resistance. The present invention also relates to alkaline proteases having excellent detergency that is to be added to a detergent.